

**STATE FACTSHEET**

# New Mexico



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ATSDR investigated exposure to contamination from the Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine and related effects on nearby people's health. The objectives of the evaluation were to provide information about how the community's health could have been affected by contaminants from the site, make recommendations for gathering more information if needed, and make recommendations for reducing harmful exposures. ATSDR found that nearby residents are unlikely to be harmed by current exposures to radiation if their homes were tested and radon abatement systems (if needed) are operating correctly. But, people could have an increased risk of cancer if their homes contain sources of radiation or radon that haven't been fully assessed or if their radon abatement system isn't used as directed. The investigation also found that children and adults who swim or wade in the rivers or reservoir downstream from the site are not likely to be harmed by contaminants in the water or sediment.